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FORMER RESIDENT OF MARYLAND SENTENCED TO 51 MONTHS IN JAIL

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE – United States Attorney Tom Colantuono, Concord Police Chief Jerome K. Madden, Epsom Police Chief Wayne Preve, and Special Agent in Charge of the Boston Field Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation Kenneth W. Kaiser, announced that Patricia Taylor, a former resident of Maryland, was sentenced to 51 months in jail by United States District Court Judge Joseph A. DiClerico Tuesday, May 31, 2005.

When Taylor, age 52, pleaded guilty to three counts of bank fraud last January, she admitted that she purchased a \$15.00 Treasurers Check from a federally insured bank, Peninsula Bank, in Maryland, that she altered the check to make it appear as though it was worth \$375,000.00 and that she used it in an attempt to purchase a home in Epsom, New Hampshire. Taylor also acknowledged that she deposited checks totaling more than \$400,000.00 to a bank account she opened at a Granite Bank branch office in Concord, New Hampshire, knowing that there were insufficient funds in the accounts from which the checks were written. She then used the falsely inflated balance of the account to withdraw approximately \$5,000.00 in cash from the account. She also admitted that she purchased a \$10.00 Treasurers Check from Peninsula Bank, that she altered the check to make it appear as though it was worth \$7,7600.00 and that she used it to pay a moving company that transported her personal property from Maryland to New Hampshire.

U.S. Attorney Colantuono stated, "The hard work of local and federal law enforcement led to the successful apprehension and prosecution of this individual. The message is clear - if you commit bank fraud in New Hampshire you are going to be caught and prosecuted to the full extent of the law."